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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL ACTION

Sir::.

In the final Action of October 27, 2005, claims 1-5 and 7-16 were rejected by the cited references. However, the claims of the present invention are patentable over the cited references, as explained below.

Rejection to Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 16 by Rive in view of Nguyen

Rive is directed to a method for configuring a hard disk and providing support. A computer system 50 can be connected through an internet 80, and a corrective operation can be performed remotely using the internet. The computer system may be leased to charge a fixed monthly fee, or other periodic fee, or a one-time lump sum payment (column 15, lines 23-32).

Claim 1 of the invention is directed to a method of conducting a business with a treating apparatus, and the treating apparatus is